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SLAB CONTINUOUS CASTING INSTALLATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

January 12, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C.

§ 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/DE99/02107 which has an International filing date of July 8, 1999, which designated the United States of America.--

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